

REMARKS

The Examiner's recognition of Applicants' invention by the indication of allowable subject matter for claims 5, 9, 11, 12, 14, and 15 is gratefully acknowledged.

Claim 1 is amended to more particularly point out that, in Applicants' heat exchanger, the louvers extend outwardly from the first outer surface of the fins and extend in a common direction, features originally recited in claim 9, now cancelled.

Claim Rejection based upon Reifel

Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 8, 10 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by United States Patent No. 5,099,914, issued to Reifel in 1992.

Referring to Fig. 2, Reifel provides a series of louvers that extend, in a progression, in both directions relative to the plane of the fin stock. Claim 1 is amended to recite that the louvers extending outwardly from the first outer surface of the fins in a common direction. Reifel does not show this feature, as acknowledged in the Office Action. Therefore, Reifel does not teach or suggest Applicants' heat exchanger in claim 1.

Claims 2-4, 6-8, 10 and 13 are dependent upon claim 1 and so not taught or suggested by Reifel at least for the reasons set forth with regard to that claim.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of the claims based upon Reifel be reconsidered and withdrawn, and that the claims be allowed.

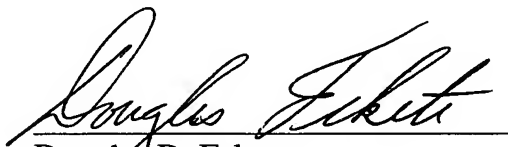
Conclusion

Claims 5, 11, 12, 14 and 15 were objected to as dependent upon a rejected base claim. In view of the amendments and remarks herein, it is believed that the base claim is now allowable. Accordingly, it is requested that the objection be withdrawn, and that all claims be allowed.

If it would further prosecution of the application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned at the phone number provided.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 50-0831.

Respectfully submitted,

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